



RIVER FLOODING UPDATE

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FLOOD WATCH ISSUED BY NWS FOR ENTIRE STATE THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT RIVERS RISING WITHIN THEIR BANKS

At 9:15 AM radar showed an area of moderate rain falling across most of Connecticut. The area of rain extends Southeast over Long Island. This area is moving to the Northwest at 25 – 35 mph. Total rainfall for this storm now ranges from 1.5 – 2.5 inches across the state. The rain is expected to continue moderate to heavy at times this morning then become showery this afternoon as more bands of rain form to our south and continue moving over the state resulting in another 0.75 – 1.0 inches of rain. Minor flooding is possible later today and tonight on the smaller rivers and streams in Connecticut. Minor flooding may also occur on the larger rivers such as the Connecticut and Housatonic by Friday morning. The rain is expected to taper off to showers from Southwest to Northeast slowly overnight. The next update will be issued at 11:30 AM this morning.

SMALL RIVERS	Current Stage	Flood Stage	Movement	Total Rainfall	DEP/NWS River Forecast
Yantic River at Norwich	5.61 FT	9.0 FT	Rising Slowly	2.20"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today.
Wepawaug River in Milford	1.99 FT	4.0 FT	Rising Slowly	1.80"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today.
Quinnipiac River at Southington	1.82 FT	3.5 FT	Rising Very Slowly	2.24"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today.
Quinnipiac River at Wallingford	4.38 FT	8.0 FT	Rising Very Slowly	2.40"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today.
Norwalk River at Norwalk	1.58 FT	4.0 FT	Rising Very Slowly	1.60"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today.
Silvermine River at Norwalk	3.71 FT	6.5 FT	Rising Very Slowly	1.60"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today.
South Branch Park River in Hartford	3.89 FT	10.0 FT	Rising Slowly	2.10"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today.
LARGE RIVERS	Current Stage	Flood Stage	Movement	Total Rainfall	DEP/NWS River Forecast
Connecticut River at Hartford	11.50 FT	16.0 FT	Rising Slowly	2.00"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today. May approach flood stage Friday evening.
Connecticut River at Middletown	5.50 FT	8.0 FT	Rising Slowly	2.20"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today. May approach flood stage Saturday morning.
Farmington River at Tariffville	4.24 FT	12.0 FT	Rising Slowly	2.00"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today. Not expected to reach flood stage.
Housatonic River at Stevenson Dam	8.71 FT	12.0 FT	Rising Slowly	1.80"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today. May approach flood stage Friday morning.
Shetucket River at Willimantic	5.75 FT	12.0 FT	Rising Slowly	2.00"	River forecast to continue to rise slowly today. Not expected to reach flood stage.